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BRITAIN.

BRITAIN, by the *Latins* called *Britannia*, and *Albion*, by the *Greeks* Βρεττανία, Βρεττανικὴ, Πρεττανὶς, Ἀλβίων, and Ἀλβιών, the moſt Famous Iſland of the whole World, is divided from the Continent of *Europe* by the Ocean. It lies over againſt *Germany* and *France*, in a * *Triangular Form*, having it's Three Promontories ſhooting out three ſeveral ways, *viz. Belerium* [the Lands End] toward the Weſt; *Cantium* [the Foreland in *Kent*] toward the Eaſt; *Tarviſium* or *Orcas* [the Point of *Cathneß* in *Scotland*] toward the North. On the Weſt, between it and *Ireland*, the *Vergivian* [or *Iriſh*] Sea breaks in; On the North it is beaten upon by the vaſt and wide Northern Ocean: On the Eaſt, where it faceth *Germany*, it is waſh'd by the *German* Ocean; On the South over againſt *France* by the *Britiſh* Channel. Thus divided by a convenient Diſtance from theſe Neighbouring Nations, and made fit by its open Harbors for the Traffick of the whole World, it ſeems to have advanced it ſelf on all ſides into the Sea, as it were for the general Benefit of Mankind. For between *Kent* and *Calais* in *France* it runs ſo far out into the Sea, and the Channel is ſo ſtraight, that (a) ſome are of opinion that a Breach was there made, and that the Sea hath work'd it ſelf thro' the Neck of Land, which before joyn'd the two Countries to each other; and to confirm it they bring *Virgil* in that Verſe,

* Figura Triquetra. Cæſ. Com. l. 5.

See in *Kent*.

Et penitus toto diviſos Orbe Britannos.

And *Britans* quite from all the World disjoyn'd.

Becauſe, as *Servius Honoratus* obſerves, that *Britain* was anciently joyn'd to the Continent. And *Claudian* in Imitation of *Virgil*,

——*Noſtro diductа Britannia Mundo.*

And *Britain* ſever'd from our World.

It is not at all unlikely that the outward Face and Faſhion of the Earth may by the *Deluge* and other Cauſes have been alter'd, that ſome Mountains may have been raiſed and heightned, and many High Places may have ſunk into Plains and Valleys; Lakes and Meers may have been dried up, and dry Places may have become Lakes and Meers, and ſome Iſlands may have been torn and broken off from the Continent. But whether it be true indeed, and whether there were any Iſlands before the Flood, I ſhall not here argue, nor of God's Works inconſiderately give my Opinion. All know that the Divine Providence hath diſpos'd different things to the ſame end: And indeed it hath always been allow'd, as well by Divines as Philoſophers, That Iſles ſcatter'd in the Sea do no leſs contribute to the Beauty of the whole World in general, than Lakes and Lofty Mountains diſperſed about the Continents.

Livy and *Fabius Ruſticus* have made the Form of this [Iſland] to reſemble an * Oblong Platter, or † Two edg'd Ax; and ſuch certainly is its Shape towards the South, (as *Tacitus* obſerves) which yet hath been ill apply'd to the whole Iſland. For Northward the vaſt Tract of Land ſhooting forward to a Point, groweth narrow and ſharp like a Wedge. The Ancients thought it ſo great, and ſo very large in Circumference, that *Cæſar*, who firſt of all the *Romans* diſcover'd it, wrote that he had found out another World, ſuppoſing it ſo great, that it ſeem'd not to be ſurrounded with the Sea, but even to contain and encompaſs the Ocean. And *Julius Solinus Polyhiſtor* aſſerts, That for its largeneſs, it almoſt deſerv'd to be call'd another World. Nevertheleſs, our Age, by many and often Surveys, hath now well nigh found the true Dimenſions of the whole Iſle. For from *Tarviſium* [the Point of *Cathneß*] unto *Belerium* [the Lands end] reckoning the windings and turnings of the Shores along the Weſt ſide, are computed about DCCC XII Miles. From thence along the Southern Coaſts to *Cantium* [the *Kentiſh* Foreland] CCC XX Miles. Hence Coaſting the *German* Ocean, with crooked Bays and Inlets for DCC IV Miles, it reacheth to *Tarviſium* [the Point of *Cathneß*]: So that by this Computation the whole Iſland is in Circuit M DCCC XXX VI Miles. Which Meaſure, as it falls much ſhort of *Pliny's*, ſo it is alſo ſomewhat leſs then *Cæſars*: *Schitinius Cbius* is not worth my mentioning, who in *Apollonius de Mirabilibus* (having told us ſtrange Stories of Fruits growing in *Britain* without Kernels, and Grapes without Stones) makes its Circuit CCCC *Stadia* [Furlongs] and no more. But *Dionyſius Afer* in his Deſcription of the World, hath given a much better Account of the *Britiſh* Iſlands, that is, *Britain* and *Ireland*.

* *Scutula Oblonga.* † *Bipenni.* See Sir H. *Savile* upon this place in *Tacitus*.

The Panegyrick ſpoken to *Conſtantius*, falſly Entituled to *Maximian*.

Com. 5. Read *Schimniut.*

Τόσον τε μεγαθὼ πεπάλυνται; οὐδέ τι ἄλλη
Νήσος ἐπ' ἀντιπόροις Βρεττανίοις ἰσοφαρίζει.

Vaſt is the Compaſs of the *Britiſh* Coaſts;
A like Extent no Rival Iſland boaſts.

And with him *Ariſtides* and other *Greek* Writers agree, who by way of Excellency have truly call'd *Britain* Μεγάλην νῆσον the Great Iſland.

Now they that have more accurately compar'd the Spaces of the Heavens with the Tracts of Earth, have plac'd *Britain* under the VIII*th.* Climate, and include it within the (b) XVIII*th.* & XXVI*th.* Parallels, computing the longeſt Day at XVIII Equinoctial Hours and an half. *Belerium* [the Lands end] according to the Spherical Figure of the Earth, they place (c) XVI Degrees and L Scruples from the fartheſt Point Weſtward; and *Cantium* [the *Kentiſh* Foreland] in XXI Degrees of Longitude. As for the Latitude they Meaſure in the Southern Parts L Degrees X Scruples; at *Tarviſium* [*Cathneß*] LIX Degrees, XL Scruples. So that according to

(a) That *Britain* was ever by an Iſthmus joyn'd Eaſtward to the Continent of *France*, ſeems an Improbable Opinion; However, you may ſee (beſides Authors cited by Mr. *Cambden*) *White's* Hiſt. *Brit.* L. II. *Not.* 11. *Burton's* Comment. on *Antonin. p.* 18. 19. *Twin. de Rebus Albion & Britan. Samuel Britan. l.* 1. *c.* 4. *Verſtegan. l.* 1. *p.* 4. Some Foreigners alſo, *Dominicus Marius Niger*, *Antonius Volſius*, *Vivianus*, and *Dº Bartas* have favour'd this groundleſs Tradition.

(b) Later Diſcoveries have better Defined the Site of *Britain*, the Longitude of the *Lands End* being but XI Degrees from *Teneriff*, and *Cantium* or the *Foreland* but XVIII and an half. The Latitude of the *Lizard* L Degrees, and of *Cathneß* ſcarce LVIII and an half. Whence the longeſt Tropical Day is from XVI Hours X Min. to XVIII Hours II Min. that is from the XVIII*th.* to the XXV*th.* Parallel.

(c) For XVI, Read XIII.

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